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**INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM**

the specification of which was filed on May 20, 1998 and accorded serial no. 09/082,127;

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and

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